

Program for the 44th Annual Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop

Durham, North Carolina, October 22–24, 2019
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Invited Speakers (in order of appearance in the program)



Dr. Grey Nearing

Dr. Grey Nearing is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Alabama. His PhD is in Hydrology from the University of Arizona (2013). Grey's research focuses on hydrological modeling and data assimilation, with a particular focus on uncertainty characterization, model diagnostics, and hypothesis testing. He currently works on applications of information theory and machine learning to hydrology-related model/data fusion.

Dr. Raymond Schmitt

Dr. Raymond Schmitt is a Physical Oceanographer and Emeritus Research Scholar at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts. He received his PhD in Physical Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island after obtaining his BSc in Physics at the Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania. His early work on the small-scale double-diffusive mixing phenomena of “salt fingers” led him to his later interest in the water cycle and global salinity patterns. In 1997 Dr. Schmitt was named as a J. S. Guggenheim Fellow and in 2012 became a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and was appointed to the Van Allen Clark Sr. Chair for Excellence in Oceanography. Dr. Schmitt has published or co-authored over one hundred papers, and continues to research a range of oceanographic topics, including the global water cycle and oceanic mixing. He also advocates for improving and sustaining a global ocean observing system. He participated in the National Research Council's panel on “America's Climate Choices” and contributed to the report, “Advancing the Science of Climate Change”. He has served on numerous panels and boards, currently including the Earth Science Advisory Committee of NASA.



Dr. Charles “Chip” Konrad

Dr. Konrad is an atmospheric scientist and geographer who studies extreme weather and its impacts on society. Konrad directs the NOAA-funded Southeast Regional Climate Center (SERCC), which provides a wide range of weather & climate services and expertise for the region. Konrad is also part of the Carolinas Integrated Science and Assessment Team (CISA) that connects climate science and decision-making in the realms of water, coast and health.

Konrad's research deals with extreme weather events, especially heavy rainfall, hurricanes, and hot events, whose impacts on society are expected to increase in the future. Much of this work falls within the realm of climate-public health and provides a wide range of applications that benefit, among others, weather forecasters, health professionals and emergency management specialists. This research utilizes state-of-the-art datasets and technologies that untangle complex spatiotemporal patterns and relationships. Konrad's research provides an explicit geographic context for unraveling this complexity, both in the atmospheric processes and patterns that produce extreme weather events and the societal impacts of these events across the landscape.

Dr. Lincoln Pratson

Dr. Lincoln Pratson is a professor in the Nicholas School of the Environment's Division of Earth & Ocean Sciences. He has been Chair of EOS, Director of the Duke University Energy Hub, Associate Director of the Gendell Center for Engineering, Energy & the Environment at Duke, served on the Executive Committee for the Research Triangle Energy Consortium (<https://www.rtec-rtp.org/>), and was a co-founder & co-director of the Sustainable Energy Fellowship (<http://www.teachenergy.org/>).

Pratson is a geologist/geophysicist by training. He has consulted for major oil companies and helped co-found an energy service company that provides state-of-the-art gravity data used to explore for offshore oil and gas reserves. Pratson co-leads a research group at Duke on energy systems. The research has been supported by the DOE, DoD and private industry. Working with students, Pratson is conducting research into carbon capture and storage, integrating different forms of energy storage and renewable energy generation into the electricity industry operations, assessing current and future water use in thermo-electric power generation, and evaluating future demand for and supplies of energy resources.



Conference Schedule

Monday, October 21, 2019

5:30 – 7:30 pm Welcome Reception/Icebreaker

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:30 – 9:30 am Registration

8:30 – 8:50 am *Welcoming Remarks from Duke and CPC*

8:50 – 9:10 am *Challenges of S2S Prediction*
David Dewitt, Climate Prediction Center

Session 1

ENSO

Chair: David DeWitt, CPC

9:10 – 9:30 am *Errors in the Tendency of Nino– 3.4 from Northern Hemisphere Spring to Winter*
Michelle L'Heureux, Michael Tippett, Arun Kumar, Emily Becker, NOAA/CPC, Columbia University, Cooperative Institute for Marine & Atmospheric Studies

9:30 – 9:50 am *On the delayed coupling between ocean and atmosphere in recent weak El Niño episodes*
Nathaniel C. Johnson, Michelle L'Heureux, Chueh– Hsin Chang, Zeng– Zhen Hu, Princeton University/GFDL, NOAA/CPC, Center for Climate/Environment Change Prediction Research, Ewha Womans University

9:50 – 10:10 am *The influence of wintertime SST variability in the Western North Pacific on ENSO diversity*
Boniface Fosu, Jie He, S.– Y. Simon Wang, Georgia Institute of Technology, Utah State University

10:10 – 10:30 am **Break**

Session 2	Subseasonal and Seasonal Prediction, part 1 Chair: Mike Halpert, CPC
10:30 – 10:50 am	<i>Seasonal Prediction of Wintertime Teleconnections – Empirical Model Compared to CFSv2</i> Stephen Baxter , Jacob Stuivenvolt Allen, NOAA/CPC, Utah State University
10:50 – 11:10 am	<i>Sources of Tropical Subseasonal Skill in the CFSv2</i> Carl Schreck , Matthew Janiga, Stephen Baxter, North Carolina State University, Naval Research Laboratory, NOAA/CPC
11:10 – 11:30 am	<i>Diagnosing and predicting ENSO SSTA development from Moored–Buoy and Scatterometer Winds</i> Andrew Chiodi , D. E. Harrison, University of Washington and NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory
11:30 – 11:50 am	<i>On the Challenge for ENSO Cycle Prediction</i> Zeng– Zhen Hu : NOAA/CPC
11:50 – 01:00 pm	Lunch
Session 3	Subseasonal and Seasonal Prediction, part 2 Chair: Laifang Li, Duke
1:00 – 1:20 pm	<i>Extension of empirical–based tools for prediction of US temperature at Weeks 3–4 using extratropical stratospheric predictors</i> Laura Ciasto , Dan Harnos; Michelle L'Heureux, NOAA/CPC, Innovim
1:20 – 1:40 pm	<i>Improving Prediction of Large-Scale Regime Transitions</i> Paul Roebber , John Gyakum, Lance Bosart, University of Wisconsin– Milwaukee, McGill University, State University at Albany
1:40 – 2:00 pm	<i>A Priori Identification of Skillful Subseasonal Forecasts</i> John Albers, Matthew Newman , University of Colorado/CIRES and NOAA/ESRL/PSD
2:00 – 2:20 pm	<i>SubX MME Project: Do the research center models improve the skill of the operational center models?</i> Emerson LaJoie , NOAA/CPC, Innovim
2:20 – 2:40 pm	Break
Session 4	Tropical Monitoring and Prediction Chair: Carl Schreck, NCICS
2:40 – 3:00 pm	<i>Assessing the influence of tropical forecast errors on higher latitude predictions using nudging experiments</i> Juliana Dias , Stefan Tulich, Maria Gehne, George Kiladis, CIRES, University of Colorado, NOAA ESRL Physical Sciences Division
3:00 – 3:20 pm	<i>A Statistical/Dynamical Hybrid Model Approach to Atlantic Basin Seasonal Hurricane Prediction</i> Philip Klotzbach , Louis– Philippe Caron, Colorado State University, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre
3:20 – 3:40 pm	<i>Tropical Diagnostics for NWP</i> Maria Gehne , Juliana Dias, George Kiladis, CIRES, University of Colorado Boulder, PSD ESRL NOAA

3:40 – 4:00 pm *Improving Model Representation of Interactions between Moisture and Tropical Convection*
Brandon Wolding, Juliana Dias, George Kiladis, Fiaz Ahmed, Eric Maloney, Mark Branson,
NOAA PSD, UCLA, Colorado State University

4:00 – 4:15 pm Break

4:15 – 5:00 pm Lightning Talks – Poster Session

5:00 pm – end Poster Session 1 including food and drink

Wednesday, October 23, 2018

7:30 – 9:00 am **Registration**

Session 5 Machine Learning / Statistical Prediction

Chair: Kyle MacRitchie, CPC

8:30 – 8:50 am Invited: *Physically – Based Machine Learning for Hydrological Modeling*
Grey Nearing, Craig S. Pelissier, Frederik Kratzert, Hoshin V. Gupta, Alden K. Sampson,
University of Alabama, NASA, Institute for Machine Learning, Johannes Kepler University;
Austria, Department of Hydro

8:50 – 9:10 am *Improving CFS Week 3–4 Precipitation and Temperature Outlooks with Machine Learning*
Yun Fan, Vladimir Krasnopolsky, Chung– Yu Wu, Jon Gottschalck, NOAA/CPC; NOAA/EMC,
Innovim

9:10 – 9:30 am Invited: *Ocean Salinity and Machine Learning for Improved S2S Rainfall Forecasts on Land*
Ray Schmitt, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

9:30 – 9:50 am *Calibrated Probabilistic Seasonal Forecasts at IBM/The Weather Company: Business Applications*
Todd Crawford, The Weather Company, an IBM business

9:50 – 10:20 am **Machine Learning Discussion**

10:20 – 10:40 am Break

Session 6 Subseasonal and Seasonal Prediction, part 3

Chair: Emerson LaJoie, CPC/Innovim

10:40 – 11:00 am *Improving Week 3–4 Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks by Incorporating the Stratospheric Quasi-biennial Oscillation as a Predictor*
Cory Baggett, Laura Ciasto, Daniel Harnos, Stephen Baxter, Craig Long, Michelle L'Heureux,
Jon Gottschalck, NOAA/CPC, Innovim

11:00 – 11:20 am *Skillful Seasonal Prediction of Eurasian Winter Blocking and Extreme Temperature Frequency*
Douglas E. Miller, Zhuo Wang, University of Illinois at Urbana– Champaign

11:20 – 11:40 am *Persistent and re-emergent sea surface temperatures: a recipe for better seasonal climate forecasts*
Matthew Switanek, Joe Barsugli, Michael Scheuerer, Tom Hamill, CIRES, University of Colorado Boulder, NOAA Physical Sciences Division

11:40 – 12:00 pm *Improved extended and long-range prediction based on better performing ensemble members?*
Muthuvel Chelliah, Huug van den Dool, NOAA/CPC

12:00 – 01:20 pm

Lunch

Session 7

Hydrological Analysis and Prediction

Chair: Arun Kumar, CPC

1:20 – 1:40 pm

Assessment of CPC sea ice initialization system (CSIS) and CPC weekly experimental sea ice forecasts

Yanyun Liu, Wanqiu Wang, Arun Kumar, Thomas Collow, NOAA/ CPC, Innovim

1:40 – 2:00 pm

Rapid Arctic Sea Ice Loss on the Synoptic Time Scale and Related Atmospheric Circulation Anomalies

Zhuo Wang, John Walsh, Sarah Szymborski, Melinda Peng, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, University of Colorado– Colorado Spring

2:00 – 2:20 pm

The NCEP GEFSv12 Reforecasts to Support Subseasonal and Hydrometeorological Applications

Hong Guan, Yuejian Zhu, Bing Fu, Xiaqiong Zhou, Eric Sinsky, Xianwu Xue, Dingchen Hou, Bo Cui, Wei Li, SRG, NOAA/EMC, IMSG

2:20 – 2:40 pm

The Remote Effects of Tibetan Plateau Spring Land Temperature on Global Summer Precipitation – The GEWEX/GASS/LS4P First Phase Activity

Helin Wei, Yongkang Xue, Ismaila Diallo, Tandong Yao, Aaron Boone, Xubin Zeng, Ye Liu, William Lau, Constantin Ardilouze, Zhaohui Lin, Yuhe, IMSG at NCEP/EMC, University of California at Los Angeles

2:40 – 3:40 pm Poster Session 2 & break

Session 8

Detection and Attribution

Chair: Yuqiang Zhang, Duke

3:40 – 4:00 pm

Synoptic Precursors to Subseasonal to Seasonal Extreme Precipitation Events across the United States

Jason C. Furtado, Gregory C. Jennrich, Jeffrey B. Basara, and Elinor R. Martin, School of Meteorology, University of Oklahoma

4:00 – 4:20 pm

Forecast Attribution

Arun Kumar, Peitao Peng, Mingyue Chen: NOAA/CPC

4:20 – 4:40 pm

A New Persistent Anomaly Index: Design and Application to a Reanalysis

Gary Lackmann, Miller, and Robinson, North Carolina State University, US Environmental Protection Agency

4:40 – 5:00 pm

Predictions and Predictability of North American Winter 2018/19 Below Normal Surface Temperature Anomalies

Mingyue Chen, Arun Kumar, Peitao Peng, NOAA/CPC

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Pre-banquet Reception

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Banquet

Changes in U.S. Residential Monthly per Capita Energy Use: 1990-2018

Lincoln Pratson, Duke University

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Session 9

Synoptic and Larger Scale Meteorology

Chair: Jon Gottschalck, CPC

8:30 – 8:50 am

Spatial and Temporal Trends in Cold Air Outbreaks across the Globe
Erik Smith, Kent State University

8:50 – 9:10 am

Prediction Skill of the MJO, NAO, and PNA in the NCEP FV3-GEFS 35-day Experiments
Wei Li, Yuejian Zhu, Xiqiong Zhou, Bing Fu, Dingchen Hou, Hong Guan, Eric Sinsky and Xianwu Xue, EMC/NCEP/NWS/NOAA, IMSG, SRG

9:10 – 9:30 am

The atmospheric bridge between the subpolar and tropical North Atlantic
Yochanan Kushnir, **Walter A. Robinson**, Donna Lee, Mingfang Ting, Columbia University, North Carolina State University

9:30 – 9:50 am

Sensitivity of Trends in Persistent Anomaly Activity to Anomaly Threshold Definition
Greg Tierney, Rebecca Miller, Walter Robinson, and Gary Lackmann, Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences Department, North Carolina State University

9:50 – 10:10 am

Break

Session 10

Analysis, Reanalysis, and Ensemble Forecasts

Chair: Walter Robinson, NCSU

10:10 – 10:30 am

Calibrating the real-time NMME: General verification and forecasts-of-opportunity
Sarah Strazzo, Emily Becker, Dan Collins, Andrew Schepen, QJ Wang, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, CPC, CSIRO, University of Melbourne

10:30 – 10:50 am

A Conventional Observation Reanalysis (CORe) for Climate Monitoring
Wesley Ebisuzaki, Leigh Zhang, Arun Kumar, Jeffrey Whitaker, Jack Woollen, NOAA/CPC, NOAA/PSD, NOAA/EMC, Innovim, IMSG

10:50 – 11:10 am

Two-Stage Bias-Correction and Multi-Ensemble Post-Processing of NMME for Subseasonal to Seasonal Forecasting over CONUS
William Scheftic, Xubin Zeng, University of Arizona

11:10 – 11:30 am

A Preliminary Examination of the Second Generation CMORPH Satellite Precipitation Estimate
Pingping Xie, Robert Joyce, Shaorong Wu, and Bert Katz, NOAA/CPC

11:30 – 11:50 am

Distinguishing features of ensemble spread between drought and flood years of Indian summer monsoon in the past 58 years (1958– 2015) reforecasts
Ravi Shukla, Chul- Su Shin, Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies, George Mason University

11:50 – 01:00 pm

Lunch

Session 11

User Engagement and Communication, part 1

Chair: Marina Timofeyeva, NWS

1:00 – 1:20 pm

Invited: *The Delivery of Impact-Based Decision Support Tools: Lessons Learned from a Physical Scientist*
Charles “Chip” Konrad, SERCC, UNC Chapel Hill

1:20 – 1:40 pm

Understanding Community Needs during a Period of Dramatic Warmth in Alaska
Eugene Petrescu, NOAA/NWS/Alaska Region

1:40 – 2:00 pm	<p><i>An Initial Use of Social Science Research at CPC to Inform Enhancement and Development of Current and Future CPC Products and Services</i></p> <p>Jon Gottschalck, Melissa Kenney, Michael Gerst, Allison Baer, Melissa Kenney, Michael Gerst, Allison Baer, NOAA/CPC, Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites – University of Maryland</p>
2:00 – 2:20 pm	<p><i>Tailoring the Bureau's climate outlook service development and delivery through customer engagement</i></p> <p>Avijeet Ramchurn, Robyn Duell, Andrew Watkins, David Jones, Debra Hudson, Helen Bloustein, Australian Bureau of Meteorology</p>
2:20 – 2:40 pm	Break
Session 12	<p>User Engagement and Communication, part 2</p> <p>Chair: Stephen Baxter, CPC</p>
2:40 – 3:00 pm	<p><i>User Engagement and Discovery of Needs for Climate Service</i></p> <p>Marina Timofeyeva, Fiona Horsfall, Jenna Meyers, Viviane Silva, Margaret Hurwitz, James Zdrojewski, NOAA/NWS</p>
3:00 – 3:20 pm	<p><i>Innovating Approaches to Drought Communications with North Carolina Decision Makers</i></p> <p>Rebecca Ward, Corey Davis, Kirsten Lackstrom, NC State University/State Climate Office of NC, NOAA</p>
3:20 – 3:40 pm	<p><i>From Drought to Floods: Communicating Climate Impacts of the Middle East and Southwest Asia Winter 2018– 2019</i></p> <p>Justyn Jackson, Andrew Lahr, U.S. Air Force 14th Weather Squadron</p>
3:40 – 4:30 pm	Conference Wrap– Up
4:30 pm	End Workshop